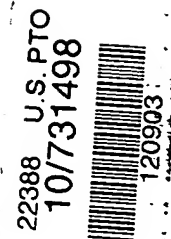


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This is a request for filing a Divisional application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of pending prior United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/389,131, filed on March 14, 2003, presently pending in Art Unit 1713, of Adel Farhan Halasa, Wen-Liang Hsu, Jin-Ping Zhou, Chad Aaron Jasiunas and Corey Stanton Yon for FUNCTIONALIZED MONOMERS FOR SYNTHESIS OF RUBBERY POLYMERS.

1. Enclosed is the specification for the subject patent application and a copy of the originally filed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
2. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the filing fee of \$770.00 to Account No. 07-1725. The filing fee is calculated as shown below:

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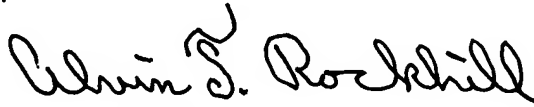
3. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 07-1725. Duplicate copies of this sheet are enclosed.
4. The prior application is assigned to The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company.

5. The applicants hereby incorporate by reference prior United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/389,131, filed on March 14, 2003.

6. The attached photocopy of the Declaration signed by the Inventors indicates that the power of attorney appearing in the original papers in the prior application is to:

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Enclosures: Copy of specification for divisional application
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